(b) to (d) Buxar-Patna Section of NH-84 and NH-30 has been identified for four laning under National Highways Development Project (NHDP) Phase III on 'Build, Operate and Transfer' (BOT) basis. At present, the preparation of the Detailed Project Report for this Section is in progress. Therefore, it is premature to indicate any time schedule, the amount required and agency to be involved for completion of this Project.

Works on National Highways In Rajasthan

3253. DR. GYAN PRAKASH PILANIA: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) the names of National Highways in Rajasthan where widening, extension and repair works have been undertaken during the last three years;

(b) the amount that was allocated for these National Highways and the status of these works;

(c) by when the works are likely to be completed;

(d) whether any proposals have been received from the State Government of Rajasthan of funding the National Highway and notification of new National Highways, and if so, details thereof; and

(e) whether there is any plan to approve these proposals and issue funds?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H MUNIAPPA): (a) There are 18 National Highways (NHs) (No. 3, 8, 11, 11-A, 11-B, 12, 14, 15, 65, 76, 79, 79-A, 89, 90, 112, 113, 114 & 116) in Rajasthan. Development works like widening, extension etc. and repair works have been undertaken in all the NHs during the last three years.

(b) and (c) During last three years an amount of Rs. 2395.41 crores have been spent on development of these NHs, out of which 77 nos. of works have been completed and 34 nos. of works are in various stages of progress. Besides this periodical renewals for 671-kilometer (km.) lengths have been sanctioned out of which works on 243 km length are in progress. These works are likely to be completed by March, 2009.

(d) and (e) 15 estimates amounting to Rs. 77.83 crores were received during the current financial year under Annual Plan 2005-06. Out of these 4 estimates for Rs. 19.21 crores have been sanctioned and the balance are considered for their technical adequacy subject to availability of funds and inter-se-priority of works. The State Government of Rajasthan has submitted a proposal for declaration of seventeen State roads as National Highways. At present, emphasis is being given for development of roads already declared as National Highways instead of declaring more roads as National Highways. The State Government has been informed accordingly.

Amount under CRF for Madhya Pradesh

†3254. SHRI P.K. MAHESHWARI: Will the Minister of SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the State Government of Madhya Pradesh have urged Central Government to increase the annual amount being provided under Central Road Fund from Rs. 55.60 crores to Rs. 100 crores per annum;

(b) the consideration that is being made over the said demand of the State Government; and

(c) by when the said demand of the State is likely to be fulfilled?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF SHIPPING, ROAD TRANSPORT AND HIGHWAYS (SHRI K.H MUNIAPPA): (a) and (c) A request for increase in the allocations for the State roads from the Central Road Fund (CRF) to Rs. 120 crore per year was received from the State. The Fund earmarked to the States from CRF for the State roads is on the basis of the decided formula for distribution of the total allocation as made available to this Ministry. The Government of Madhya Pradesh has been informed about it. However the Annual allocation for the State roads from the CRF of Madhya Pradesh has increased from Rs. 52.01 crore for 2004-05 to Rs. 93.03 crore for the current year, due to increased allocation as made available to this Ministry.

† Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.